Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Lupus Erythematosus is a chronic and sometimes fatal auto-immune disease affecting the connective tissue of the human body; and,

WHEREAS, The total number of patients in the United States with lupus is unknown, but current estimates place this number in excess of 500,000 with 50,000 new cases and 5000 deaths annually attributable to the disease; and,

WHEREAS, Although not well known, lupus is much more prevalent than many other well-known diseases; and,

WHEREAS, The cause of Lupus is not known and its diagnosis is difficult as there is no single set of symptoms or pattern to the disease.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in order to create greater public awareness of the disease, Lupus Erythematosus, do hereby proclaim the week of October 18 through 24, 1981, as

NATIONAL LUPUS WEEK

in South Dakota, and urge all citizens of this state to join in activities which are planned to create public awareness of this disease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE